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Halloween is also a special CIA anniversary. Six years ago Adm. Stansfield Turner, then director, fired some 250 of the old boys there and eventually eliminated some 800 positions. It became known as the "Halloween Massacre," and Washington author David Wise has memorialized that event by the official publication today of his fast-paced, exciting new novel, "The Children's Game." In the book, which has already received rave reviews and is selling well. Wise takes his readers deep into the Langley cotton candy machine with an old spy forced back into the game who uncovers a plot of those fired old boys attempting to take over the agency.

One never knows what to expect from a former CIA director. William Colby, who directed the agency under two presidents, said at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville this weekend that as "an old cold warrior" he is now committed to a nuclear freeze. He said nuclear weapons are "unusable," the arms race is "unwinnable," unilateral restraint is "unworkable" and a world shadowed by nuclear threat is "unlivable." Colby said a nuclear freeze would be easier to monitor than a more detailed arms limitation agreement. "Can't we come up with a simpler statement?" he said. "Yes, let's just stop building new weapons."